

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 1997-300-C - ORDER NO. 2006-668  
NOVEMBER 14, 2006

IN RE: Application of US LEC of South Carolina, Inc. ) ORDER GRANTING  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and ) CONFIDENTIALITY  
Necessity to Provide Local )  
Telecommunications Services and Intrastate )  
Interexchange Telecommunications Services )  
Statewide. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of US LEC of South Carolina, Inc. (US LEC or the Company) for confidential treatment of the Company's Third Quarter Service Report for 2006. The Company represents that the information contained in the Report is subject to substantial procedures to maintain its secrecy, including limiting access to it within the Company and requiring any outside parties who are granted access to it to sign confidentiality agreements. Further, the Company states that the information derives economic value from not being known to or readily ascertainable by other parties. Since the Report contains proprietary and competitively sensitive information concerning various parameters measured by the Company, we grant the request for confidential treatment.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a)(1) (Supp. 2005) states that a public body may exempt "trade secrets" from disclosure, which include materials containing references to

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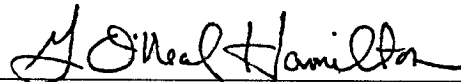
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competitive information. Accordingly, we grant the request for confidential treatment in the present case. US LEC's Third Quarter Service Report for 2006 shall be maintained under seal and withheld from public disclosure.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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